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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4- 7, 15- 17, 23, 25, 27- 28 and 30- 31 were previously pending in this Application. Applicant herein presents amendments to Claims 1 and 4- 7, and cancels Claims 15- 17, 23, 25, 27- 28 and 30- 31. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the claim amendments after final rejection as putting the amended claims in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1(d) and 1(e) have been rejected as being indefinite under section 112, second paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Applicant has revised the claim language to particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1 and 4- 7 have been rejected under section 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has revised the claim language pursuant to the suggestions of Examiner to tie associated steps of the claim to a particular machine such as for example the disclosed data processing system, and thereby bring the claims into compliance with the statute.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 6, 8- 24 and 26- 31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Knowlton (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0204415) in view of Ghouri (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0162835) and further in view of Fabrick (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0088317).

Claim 25 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Knowlton, Ghouri and Fabrick and further in view of Mayaud (U.S. Patent No. 7,072,840).

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the removal of any 103 rejections with regards to Claims 1 and 4- 7. Applicant herein cancels Claims 6 and 8- 31, thereby rendering these rejections moot and facilitating allowance of Claims 1 and 4- 7 in accordance with the amendments presented herein to these Claims, pending their entry and approval by the Examiner.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

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